

Message Text

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 01 DUBLIN 00951 291652Z

72

ACTION EUR-12

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 SAJ-01 AGR-05 AID-05 CEA-01 CIAE-00

COME-00 EB-07 FRB-03 INR-07 NSAE-00 CIEP-01 SP-02

STR-04 TRSE-00 LAB-04 SIL-01 SAM-01 OMB-01 /056 W

----- 109009

R 291545Z MAY 75

FM AMEMBASSY DUBLIN

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 6832

INFO AMEMBASSY MOSCOW

USMISSION EC BRUSSELS

LIMITED OFFICIAL DUBLIN 951

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: ETRD, EI, UR

SUBJECT: IRELAND'S FIRST TRADE MISSION TO USSR

1. IRELAND'S FIRST TRADE MISSION TO THE USSR RETURNED TO DUBLIN MAY 24 AFTER FIVE DAYS IN THE SOVIET UNION. THE MISSION WAS LED BY MINISTER FOR INDUSTRY AND COMMERCE JUSTIN KEATING AND INCLUDED REPRESENTATIVES OF TWENTY-ONE IRISH FIRMS AS WELL AS GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS. A COUNSELOR IN THE DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS WHO ACCOMPANIED THE MISSION DESCRIBED IT AS A DUAL PURPOSE TRADE MISSION AND MINISTERIAL DELEGATION TO DISCUSS ECONOMIC COOPERATION BETWEEN THE TWO NATIONS.

2. WITH REGARD TO THE TRADE ASPECT, OF TWENTY-ONE FIRMS REPRESENT-ED SEVEN CONCLUDED CONTRACTS WITH THE SOVIETS FOR GOODS WORTHY 500,000 POUNDS (ABOUT \$1.2 MILLION). ANOTHER HALF-MILLION POUNDS IN SALES IS EXPECTED DURING 1975 AS DIRECT RESULT OF THE MISSION. IRELAND IS ANXIOUS TO IMPROVE ITS TRADE BALANCE WITH THE SOVIET UNION. 1974 IMPORTS FROM USSR WERE VALUED AT 15.7 MILLION POUNDS, (ALMOST 50 PERCENT FUEL OILS AND SPIRIT) WHILE IRISH EXPORTS TO THE USSR WERE ONLY 8.4 MILLION POUNDS, OF WHICH SEVEN MILLION POUNDS REPRESENTED SALES OF INTERVENTION BEEF. IRISH OFFICIALS BELIEVE IRELAND COULD SELL 7 TO 8 MILLION POUNDS OF GOODS PER

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 02 DUBLIN 00951 291652Z

YEAR TO THE SOVIETS ON A REGULAR BASIS AND THEY THINK THERE IS A

PROMISING MARKET FOR IRISH INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTS.

3. REGARDING ECONOMIC COOPERATION, IRELAND HAS NO AGREEMENT WITH THE SOVIETS AT PRESENT. THEY WOULD LIKE TO HAVE SUCH AN AGREEMENT AS A VEHICLE TO DEVELOP TRADE. MINISTER KEATING REACHED AGREEMENT WITH THE SOVIETS ONLY TO EXPLORE FURTHER THE POSSIBILITIES TO A FORMAL AGREEMENT. NO TIME WAS FIXED FOR THE CONTINUATION OF THE DISCUSSIONS. OUR CONTACT AT THE DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS SAID THAT THE DISCUSSIONS WERE CONFINED ENTIRELY TO ECONOMIC TOPICS AND NO POLITICAL SUBJECTS WERE BROACHED.
MOORE

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01 JAN 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: TRADE PROMOTION, TRADE VISITS, TRAVEL REPORTS
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 29 MAY 1975
Decaption Date: 01 JAN 1960
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Authority: GolinoFR
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 28 MAY 2004
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1975DUBLIN00951
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: N/A
Errors: N/A
Film Number: D750188-0600
From: DUBLIN
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1975/newtext/t1975056/aaaaafhj.tel
Line Count: 72
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Office: ACTION EUR
Original Classification: LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 2
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: n/a
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Authority: GolinoFR
Review Comment: n/a
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 21 APR 2003
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review History: RELEASED <21 APR 2003 by BoyleJA>; APPROVED <22 APR 2003 by GolinoFR>
Review Markings:

Margaret P. Grafeld
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
05 JUL 2006

Review Media Identifier:
Review Referrals: n/a
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: IRELAND'S FIRST TRADE MISSION TO USSR
TAGS: ETRD, EI, UR
To: STATE
Type: TE
Markings: Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 05 JUL 2006